GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:143
ANSWERED ON:26.11.2007
REHABILITATION PACKAGE TO FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps initiated to implement the Prime Minister`s Special Rehabilitation Package to mitigate agrarian distress of the farmers;

(b) the details of the various heads under which the package has been implemented so far, State-wise; and

(c) the number of farmers benefited from the above package, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 143 DUE FOR REPLY ON 26TH NOVEMBER, 2007.

(a) & (b): The Prime Minister`s Special Rehabilitation Package announced for the six distressed districts in Vidarbha region in Maharashtra State on 1st July, 2006 and for 25 identified distressed districts covering Andhra Pradesh (16), Karnataka (6) and Kerala (3) States announced on 29th September, 2006 is implemented by the concerned implementing agencies consisting of line Departments of Central and State Governments, Banks and NABARD. For implementation of the package there are provision for State Level Coordination & Supervision Committee including representatives of the Government of India and the State Government, Implementation through District Level Committee, Panchayati Raj Institutions and creation of appropriate Institutional Structures and Special Purpose Cooperatives/Community Based Organizations at local level. GoI is also monitoring the progress in the implementation of the package through review meetings held periodically. While banks provide the required credit, non-credit components such as checkdams, watershed development, irrigation projects, rain water harvesting structures, etc. are implemented by State Governments by using grants provided by GoI and loans released to State Governments by NABARD out of RIDF maintained with it.

(c): Major components of the Rehabilitation Package which are individually farmer oriented are credit related measures. The progress in respect of the Credit components of the package is given below:

(i) Debt relief & Interest Waiver

Name of the State	No. of loan accounts rescheduled & interest waived	Overdue interest (Rs. in crore)
Andhra Pradesh	13,82,852	1978.11
Karnataka	2,86,549	706.35
Kerala	1,29,158	218.93
Maharashtra	9,29,020	824.98
Total	27,27,579	3728.37

(ii) Credit Flow

(Rs. in crore)

Name of the State	Target 2006-07	Disbursement as on 31st March, 2007	Target 2007-08	Disbursement as on 30.09.2007
Andhra Pradesh	13,817.78	12,627.23	15032.50	6991.00
Karnataka	3076.20	2962.99	3749.41	1149.57#
Kerala	1945.07	2324.30	2395.45	477.56#
Maharashtra	2583.39	2012.90	2225.35	1386.65

Total	21,422.44	19,927.42	23402.71	10004.78

Position as on 30.06.2007